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## CLEAR CREEK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT REGARDING THE KILLING OF CHRISTIAN GLASS

Media Partners,

The Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners completely supports the Glass Family's efforts to ensure that events such as the killing of Christian will never be repeated. The Board has always supported law enforcement and greatly appreciates the commitment of Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office deputies and staff.

The Board does not believe that the Sheriff has adequately accepted responsibility for his central role in this tragedy or the need to swiftly correct all of the gaps in training and protocols that existed at the time of Christian's death. The Board embraces its responsibility to do all it can, within its authority, to accomplish reforms that enable the Sheriff to better focus on his core mission of public safety and justice.

The County's Emergency Medical Services and Human Services Divisions were directed to research and implement a mental health crisis co-responder program. The pilot for this program will launch this summer with grant funds and staffing secured by the Board.

We are also pursuing a partnership with a regional communications center that already has extensive experience with co-responder programs, training, and protocols in place to effectively differentiate between mental health crises and public safety concerns.

We understand that no amount of money can bring Christian back or ease his family's pain. Christian's killing should never have happened, and the Board is unanimously committed to doing its part to ensure that a reprehensible act like this is prevented from ever happening again.